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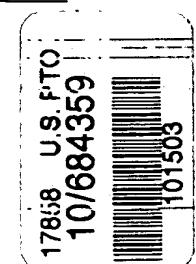
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): **OPTICAL INFORMATION-RECORDING MEDIUM AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
THE SAME**

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Formal drawings (Figs. 1A-19; 19 sheets) are attached.  
 Use Figure \_\_\_\_\_ for front page of Publication.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.

This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)

This patent application is assigned to HITACHI MAXELL, LTD.  
 The executed Assignment is filed herewith.

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.  
 Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.

A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.

Priority of foreign applications No. 2002-302829 filed October 17, 2002 in Japan, No. 2003-37688 filed February 17, 2003 in Japan and No. 2003-270621 filed July 3, 2003 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).  
 A certified copy of the corresponding foreign applications Nos. 2002-302829 and 2003-37688 are filed herewith.

This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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Respectfully submitted,

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